

Barbie, Klaus

TRACES

23 February 1951

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Klaus BARBIE

re: Kurt MERK - MGLA-4309

German Primer

Obersturmfuehrer von BARBIE(R) - born about 1909; at Sipo and SD, Lyons in 1943 but was reported in October 1943 to have been replaced by Ostuf. FLORECK; stated by another source to have been disguised and recalled to Strassbourg in December 1943; a January 1944 report stated that he had returned to Lyons and was head of Abt. IV; 1.67m tall; stout; gray eyes; rosy complexion; said to combine brutality with effusiveness.

SHAEF Card 116705

Klauss BARBIER - SS Hstuf. with the SD or Gestapo; resided at Liebfrauenstrasse 3, Trier; born about 1913; 1.65m tall; fairly strong build; blond hair; piercing blue eyes; round face; speaks fairly good French, but very slowly.

SHAEF Card 83518 and 83519

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Klaus BARBIER & Oberst Claude KLEIN & KREITZ & Captain MAYER - chief of police at Rhenani; SS Hstuf.; commander of E.K. Lyons in July 1944; resided at Hotel Bristol, Lyons and Liebfrauenstrasse 8, Trier; born between 1909 and 1915; approximately 1.65m tall; fat; rosy complexion; blond hair; piercing blue eyes; small mouth; thin lips; possibly has scars on face; close cropped hair; wears a monocle; good looking; had some type of venereal disease in late 1943; drinks heavily; brutal character hidden under jovial exterior; fairly strong build; speaks fairly good French, but very slowly; very cruel; shot French agents when they became useless; Leiter of Abt. IV in Lyons in 1943; replaced by Ostuf. FLORECK in October 1943; in Strassbourg in early 1944; returned to Lyons with full powers as Gestapo chief in 1944; often visited de GRAVEROLLES, an architect living at 13 rue Juliet, Becanier, Lyons, in 1944; commander of the E.K. concerned with the "Aktion Jerry FICHTE" (rounding up of the Polish Information Services personnel in France in July 1944).

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Carded information (IID)

In March 1944, MAYER & EXELMANS apparently replaced LIST as Gestapo chief at Mulhouse. MAYER may be identical with BARBIER.

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IN 20625 [J] 4771) dated 24 March 1950

Re: WPPA-2352 (Fran 1323 - IN 19695 - dated 20 December 1948) "France D'Abord", an FCP weekly dated 23 March 1950 states that Klaus BARBIE is to be brought to Paris in April as a witness in the Colonel HARDY case. The same article states that a petition containing 5,000 signatures has been compiled and it demands BARBIE's extradition as a war criminal.

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IN 15802 [] 2695 dated 30 October 1948

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Klaus BARBIE, born 25 October 1913 at Godesberg, and a former member of the SD in France, is needed for the trial of Lucien DOUSSOT in Lyon. [] believes that BARBIE is in Amzone, where he is employed by the Americans, and that he was with a German Equal Commando for six months which is the reason that we are retaining him. [] requests that if BARBIE cannot be brought to France, that a [] be sent to Germany to obtain his statement.

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IN 16544 (Fran 1266) dated 8 November 1948

BARBIE is at present working for CIC, Munich. CIC says that the French are aware of this and that BARBIE has been questioned by the French on two other occasions. CIC is not willing to transfer BARBIE to France, but will allow a Hogget, Fran to question him in the zone, as long as a CIC agent is present. No questions will be allowed concerning BARBIE's present activities.

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IN 16545 (Heid 238) dated 8 November 1948

Klaus BARBIE has been requested by the French as a witness in the trial of Lucien DOUSSOT. BARBIE has had varied connections with the AIS, but it is not known here if he was connected with the German Equal Commando. He was a member of a group working for CIC Munich in 1947-48 which was sponsored to some extent by ICD through CIC. As a result of his implication in an underground Nazi group, BARBIE was arrested by CIC in the Spring of 1948 on the basis of information supplied by the British (Operation Selection Board). BARBIE's interrogation was inconclusive and he was released in March 1948. His present location is unknown here. We are not eager to transfer BARBIE to French control since he may have knowledge of operations directed against the French Zone.

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IN 19695 (Fran 1323) dated 20 December 1948

Rendezvous was held on 8 December in the presence of a CIC officer. FERRIER departed on the following day. CIC states that the interview was satisfactory.

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XX-005-524 dated 24 May 1944

Gives same information as SHARP Card 83219 and adds that there is no record of BARBIE(R)'s having acquired the aliases of WAYER and ERLMAN.

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XX-4760 dated 11 December 1944

Hauptmann BARBY (identical with Obersturmfuehrer BARBIE of Sipo and SD, Lyon) - member of GFP, Lyon; specialized in the repression of the Maquis; born about 1906; 1.58m tall; dark brown hair; black eyes; white complexion; Italian type.

XX-7008 dated 19 April 1945

BARBIE - at SD, Lyon, born about 1910; 1.65m tall; medium slender build; oval face; normal complexion; blond hair.

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Traces on Klaus BARBIE continued

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WFOA-1599 dated 19 September 1949

Klaus BARBIE & BECKER & BEERENDTS & MEERTENS & SPEER is included in list of members of the ANTEROOM Chain.

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WFOA-2532 dated 13 May 1949

An article in the Communist daily "Liberation" dated 13 May 1949 states that the Consul General of Jura requested the US Embassy in Paris to extradite Klaus BARBIE of Munich. It was requested that BARBIE appear before the military tribunal of the 8th District because he was the SD commissioner at Lens-le-Saunier in 1944 and thus was responsible for the death of 5000-partisans who he either killed himself or sent to Nazi concentration camps.

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State cable 724 from Frankfurt to Secretary of State dated 2 May 1950
Michigan Public Safety authorities and German police have been searching for Klaus BARBIE(R) since May 1949 with negative results. French investigators have allegedly investigated him in the US Zone, but they did not specify where, when, or in whose presence the investigation was conducted. The German police have placed BARBIE on the "Wanted List" and in November 1949, he was still on this list. The inference by French authorities and the French press that BARBIE is being granted refuge in the US Zone is unjustified. The search for him is, however, temporarily blocked, pending receipt of further information from the French.

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FPX-6087 dated 17 March 1945

In October 1943, Pierre LAURENT contacted Henri QUEIRAT in Paris and asked to work for the GIS. QUEIRAT sent LAURENT to Lyon to seek BARBIER, one of the chiefs of the German police in Lyon. When LAURENT arrived in Lyon, BARBIER was out of town, and LAURENT was interviewed by RESESTRAIT, one of BARBIER's assistants.

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NAYA-4460 dated 7 January 1950 (ODI records of Willi HOETTL)

BARBIE, an alias of BECKERT - member of the MERCK intelligence group; formerly a Stago employee; on French War Criminals list for shooting hostages.

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